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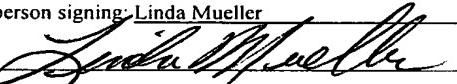
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF:)
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SERIAL NO. To be assigned)
FILED: Herewith)
FOR: Washing and Drying Machines and)
Dry Cleaning Machines)
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING THE APPLICATION

Honorable Director
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The present application is the national filing of international application number PCT/GB00/01082. Appended hereto is a copy of the international preliminary examination report for the application, which has appended thereto the 50 claims as they currently appear in the application. Before calculation of the national filing fee for the United States, it is requested that the application be amended as follows:

In the claims

Cancel claims 1 through 50, and substitute new claims 51 through 75 as follows:

51. A machine for washing and/or cleaning articles, which comprises a sealable enclosure for containing the articles to which cleaning liquid is to be supplied, characterised in that the